

# Inner City TIRZ Funding Agreement for Ella Austin Community Center



**HUMAN SERVICES**  
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# SUMMARY

- Ordinance authorizes the execution of a Funding Agreement with Inner City TIRZ Board in an amount not to exceed **\$11,922,500** for a feasibility study, capital improvements and public art for the Ella Austin Community Center. Funding is available in the 2022 – 2027 Inner City TIRZ Funding.



# ELLA AUSTIN BACKGROUND

- Constructed in 1923 by San Antonio Independent School District
- City of San Antonio acquired facility in November of 1976
  - Center has been leased since March 1983
- Facility named after Mrs. Ella Austin who founded an orphanage in 1897 on the Eastside of San Antonio
- Property Consists of 5 structures, spanning 63,000sq ft
- Historically, the center has provided services including:
  - Early childhood development
  - Youth services
  - Senior services
  - Individual and family services
- The City of San Antonio has invested \$1.9M for facility improvement



# ISSUE, ALTERNATIVES & FISCAL IMPACT

- Inner City TIRZ Board approved a resolution for a Funding agreement between Inner City TIRZ Board of Directors and the City of San Antonio
  - Approved on October 20, 2021
  - \$11.9M approved for a feasibility study, capital improvements & public art
  - Period of FY2022 – FY2025
- Inner City TIRZ funding will support critical health, safety, and facility infrastructure capital improvements
  - Expands the useable life of the Center
- Funding is available in the Inner City TIRZ fund balance
  - No impact to General Funds





# RECOMMENDATION

- Recommend approval of the Funding Agreement with the Inner City TIRZ Board of Directors and the City of San Antonio for an amount not to exceed **\$11,922,500** for a feasibility study, capital improvement and public art for Ella Austin Community Center. Funding is available in the 2022 – 2027 Inner City TIRZ Funding.





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